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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, MOPS, ET, US

SUBJECT: SPARE PARTS FOR ETHIOPIA

REFS: A) ADDIS ABABA 7097; B) STATE 263042

1. UNABLE MAKE CONTACT WITH ROHNER, GEHRIG CO. TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE STATUS REPORTED REF B. PLAN CONTACT THEM NEXT WEEK AND WILL ADVISE IF ANY CHANGES SINCE REF B. MEANWHILE, YOU CAN ASSURE FELLEKE THAT ANY DELAY IN SHIPPING THE ITEMS INVOLVED HAS NOT RESULTED FROM ANY USG ACTION. RATHER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DELAYS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ETHIOPIAN FAILURE TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS, HANDLING, AND SERVICE CHARGES. YOU SHOULD REMIND FELLEKE THAT EPMG ABROGATION OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT HAD THE EFFECT OF TERMINATING MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. CONSEQUENTLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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USG WAS FORCED TO CANCEL DELIVERY OF ITEMS IN THE MILITARY PIPELINE. THE ONLY ITEMS EXEMPTED FROM CANCELLATION WERE THOSE CONTRACTED FOR COMMERCIALLY (PATROL BOATS) AND THOSE ALREADY DELIVERED TO FREIGHT FORWARDER, TITLE TO WHICH HAD LEGALLY PASSED TO EPMG. BEYOND CONVEYING IN JUNE TO SWIFTSIPS COMPANY AND ROHNER, GEHRIG THAT SHIPMENT OF THOSE ITEMS COULD PROCEED, USG HAS TAKEN NO

ACTION CONCERNING THEM. USG WILL NOT LICENSE FURTHER
MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO EITHER PARTICIPANT IN OGADEN CONFLICT.

2. FYI: AS OF DECEMBER 1, ROHNER, GEHRIG COMPANY WAS
HOLDING SPARE PARTS AND TRUCKS VALUED AT US DOLS 3,894,301.
IN ADDITION, SWIFTSHIPS IN MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA IS
REPORTED TO BE HOLDING TWO ETHIOPIAN SWIFTSHIPS VALUED AT
OVER DOLS. 3 MILLION. ROHNER GEHRIG REP CALLED ON DESK
OFFICER IN LATE NOVEMBER TO ASK WHAT IT SHOULD DO WITH
EQUIPMENT. WAREHOUSE COSTS WERE BECOMING PROHIBITIVE
FOR MODEST COMPANY TO MAINTAIN ON ACTIVE BOOKS. DESK
OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT NEWLY ARRIVED ETHIOPIAN AMBAS-
SADOR WAS FORMER DEFMIN AND PRESUMABLY WELL PLACED TO EX-
PEDITE SHIPMENT, AND SUGGESTED COMPANY CONTACT HIM. DEPT
HAS HEARD NO MORE FROM ROHNER GEHRIG ON SUBJECT. END FYI
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